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The storm wave due March 2 for some unexplained meteorological reason failed to arrive precisely on time, but its staying qualities are all right.

Bread riots still continue in Berlin and vicinity. The discontented don't seem inclined to act upon the emperor's suggestion and leave the country.

The announcement in yesterday's EAGLE that the Southwest Kansas conference of the M. E. church would convene in Winfield today was a mistake, as to the date. The conference will begin its session on Wednesday, the 16th inst.

It is announced that Hon. Henry Cabot Lodge will open the Republican presidential campaign in Massachusetts at a mass meeting in Worcester April 26. From that date on the race in the Bay state will be run at a lively pace. Of course the Democrats will Russell, but it will do them no good!

David B. Hill has sent a man to Michigan to mold sentiment in his favor. He might as well send an emissary to the Sandwich Islands—Kansas City Star.

You're right on one, Michigan may be set down as a unit, practically, for the maligned soldier-hero citizen of that state, Russell A. Alger, without regard to party—the result of persecution.

Jerry Simpson, it is said, is called on by the men who elected him to declare whether he is a Farmer's Alliance man or a Democrat.—Denver Sun.

There is some mistake about this. It is confidently believed by his followers that his ability as a huddle rider is his greatest recommendation. There isn't much doubt that there will be a coalition this year, with Jerry as the leader.

So it seems, from the action of the democratic central committee at its meeting at Leavenworth, Friday, that the party in the state is not as unanimous for Hill as his Topeka sponsor has labored to make appear. On the contrary the sentiment is practically unanimous for the one-dead candidate, Cleveland.

That will not abash the sponsor, however; it will go right on insisting that the horse is sixteen feet high.

The statement in yesterday's dispatches in relation to the governorship contest in Nebraska is probably a canard. Having vacated the office of governor, to which he really has had no legal claim since the expiration of the term for which he was elected, more than a year ago, it is not likely that ex-Governor Thayer will attempt to assert a claim to it now. As to Boyd's citizenship, the supreme court of the United States settled that question in its decision a short time ago.

THE NATIONAL CAMPAIGN.

Four Republicans—Senator McMillan of Michigan, Senator Hale of Maine, Senator Hiseock of New York, and Governor Merriam of Minnesota, and three Democrats—Representatives Benton McMillin of Tennessee, Bland of Missouri, and Breckinridge of Kentucky, discuss in the North American Review the issues that will decide the next presidential election.

Representative McMillin states briefly the views of nearly all on both sides when he says these issues will be the tariff, finances and the franchise. Senator Frank Hiseock declares that in his judgment the actual contention on the great economic question of the tariff will be made by the present Democratic house of representatives. All are agreed that the one howling question will be the tariff. Second, will be the matter of gold and silver coinage.

How W. C. P. Breckinridge calculates the chances of his party for carrying the election. He says it will require the electoral votes of the sixteen southern states, and in addition that of New York, Indiana, Michigan and New Jersey. He says that the independent voters, those on whom party allegiance sits lightly, are gaining more and more influence in the country. "They hold the balance of power," Mr. Breckinridge declares that questions about which there is a difference of opinion in the Democracy should be dropped out of sight in the campaign and the great fight made on the tariff; in other words, that the party should lay principle aside and resort to expediency so that the politicians may have a clear field to exercise their powers of artifice and demagoguery.

If the Stanford bill, providing for the purchase by the secretary of the treasury of all silver bullion offered, at the market price, shall pass and become a law, the way will be open for the Alliance to press their subtreasury land loan, government warehouse and other schemes to successful issue. The Stanford bill would make silver a purely commercial product, the same as iron and copper, and lead, and coal, and agricultural products, with the secretary of the treasury as the general purchasing agent for the government. But you needn't worry; the Stanford bill will never become a law.

Dr. Keeley says of the cigarette habit: "It brings confusion to the brain and heart, and a train of ills from which it is hard to recover, even though you stop the habit. I will not treat a man who persists in using the cigarette. It results in insanity and death." Yet there are scores of persons in almost every community who shut their eyes to the experiences of physicians and the fatal effect of the idiotic, pernicious habit staring them in the face and persist in its indulgence.

Down in Southwest Kansas they could not secure a jury to try the murder of Sam Woods. They have succeeded, however, in getting a jury in the case against the followers of Wood—Lawrence World. That implies that Sheriff Dunn was assassinated by Wood partisans, just what was alleged by the anti-Woodites, and as stoutly denied by Wood sympathizers. But the sequel to the trial of the first one of the accused is an emphatic denial of the World's insinuation—he was acquitted.

The investigation into the alleged mismanagement of the pension bureau by Commissioner Raum disclosed the fact that the cause of offense dated back to Commissioner Black's administration of the bureau. But the public should not be too quick or too severe in condemning what was done by Black, since he is and was a self-confessed totally physical wreck. The blame should rest upon the chief executive, Cleveland, who placed him in charge of the important and responsible trust.

From a tenderfoot among lambs Governor Peck of Missouri now becomes a roaring lion in the arena of national politics. He attacks Senator Hill, calls him a burglar, declares that he cannot be elected and warns the Democracy of the country that no one but Grover Cleveland can successfully lead the party, and, in short, outlines a policy for the national organization to pursue. That bad boy will be calling a turn of George the next thing he knows—the Hillites will think he ought to be hanged.

Unless all the rumors and rumblings are deceitful in the extreme, the Union Pacific will experience another tremendous upheaval at the annual meeting this month. The indications point to the retirement of Gould and the succession of Vanderbilt in the control of the corporation. The Vanderbilts appear to be decidedly on top of the railroad heap, all over.

From the furor that ex-Senator Ingalls' speech at the League convention in Topeka has created throughout the state it is clear that if March did not come in like a lion it brought one along with it.

SOUTHERN KANSAS.

A correspondent of the Willoughby (O.) Independent, writing from this city under recent date, furnishes that paper with volumes of valuable and interesting information concerning Southern Kansas, and being thoroughly reliable in statement of fact we make the subjoined extracts from the communication for the information especially of the EAGLE's out-of-the-state readers and others who may see it who are interested in knowing where to find the most desirable country in which to secure homes or to make profitable investments.

Kansas, as a state, is the marvel of the age in growth and development. As an agricultural state she stands at the head of the column, and the government reports give her the undisputed right to hold that position. Her record in town and city building is unsurpassed by any western state. So in her record in building churches and school houses. In railroad mileage Kansas is the third state in the Union. The total output of her farms for 1891 was \$78,131,347.17. Her live stock, in addition, was valued at \$11,647,961.30.

But I did not intend to cover the whole state in my little communication; I wish only to speak of Southern Kansas. As rich and varied as the resources of the state are, it is an admitted fact that Southern Kansas is the cream of the state; and the great Arkansas river valley, of which Wichita is the commercial center and metropolis, is the cream of Southern Kansas. This valley, from its earliest Indian history, has been known as the "Marble Valley." The oldest inhabitant here cannot recall a destructive storm. The climate is in wonderful contrast with that of Northern Ohio. As I read in a late number of the Independent of snow being sixteen inches deep on the level in the woods, and the second crop of ice "nine inches thick," I felt that it should be "suffering Ohio," and not "suffering Kansas."

In the seven years we have been here, the thermometer has reached zero but twice; and natural ice has been gathered but twice. We have very little snow—not half an inch this winter. The days are mostly bright and sunny. There is no deep frost to come out of the ground in the spring, and no deep mud at any time. The roads are good the year round, and there are but very few days in which the roads are so bad that one cannot take his horse to market. We have many people here in this city who have spent winters in Southern California, and they prefer the climate of this country Kansas. There is a lady in this city who came here seven years ago from near Cleveland, being told by the physicians that she could not live two years longer, who is now strong and healthy. Such cases are numerous.

The soil in this valley is deep, rich, and inexhaustible, and will produce in luxurious abundance all the grains, vegetables and fruits that can be grown in the temperate zone. The soil and climate are especially favorable to fruit of all kinds. I remember that "Waite Hill" has become noted for its fine peaches. I have raised on my own lots about my house in this city large and fine peaches that have been produced and marketed. Six acres of seedlings we never touched at all last year—we had so many that were larger and better of the budding fruit. I never saw anywhere a finer display of large and beautiful apples than were shown at the Sedgewick county fair in this city last April. Apples, peaches, plums and cherries grow in abundance. Sweet potatoes are very prolific and fully equal to the Jerseys. One farmer near the city raised 4,500 bushels last season and now has on hand 1500 bushels that he will get \$1.00 per bushel for this spring. 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